

HOUSE BILL 498

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56  
and Title 63, relative to telehealth.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-1003(a)(6)(A)(iii), is amended  
by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(c) The requirement of an in-person encounter between the healthcare services  
provider, the healthcare services provider's practice group, or the healthcare system and  
the patient within sixteen (16) months prior to the interactive visit does not apply to a  
patient who is receiving an initial behavioral health evaluation or assessment;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-107(2)(H), is amended by  
deleting the language "federally qualified health center as defined in § 63-10-601" and  
substituting "federally qualified health center as defined in § 63-10-601, or via telehealth as  
defined in § 63-1-155".

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.